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Letter dated 22 May 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the European Union and of the United States of America, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a joint declaration of the Presidency of the European Union and of the United States on the elections in Albania, issued on Friday, 17 May 1996.

I would be grateful if you could have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the fifty-first session of the General Assembly, under item 113 (b) of the preliminary list.

(Signed) F. Paolo FULCI
Ambassador

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ANNEX

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Joint declaration by the European Union and the United States of America on the elections in Albania, issued on 17 May 1996

The European Union and the United States take note of the upcoming parliamentary elections in Albania as a further step in the democratic progress of the country, which is a matter of substantial importance to the parties in the transatlantic dialogue. They appreciate the role that Albanian institutions and Albanian political parties are playing in this context. The European Union and the United States call upon all parties concerned to approach the elections mindful of their common interest in consolidating democracy in a pluralistic society and a free market economy. The European Union and the United States specifically call upon all parties concerned to create general conditions that allow for a free and fair election process. The European Union and the United States stand ready to assist in this effort and to observe the campaign and election process in order that the will of the people may be effectively expressed by the vote.